

desiring to leave arguments mainly for conference. I submit the questions named for serious, and prayerful consideration without further particulars.

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FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA.

To the Brethren Church in Kanemorado District.

Our program committee is at work on the program for the District Convention which is to be held in Falls City, Neb., during the first half of September. They will soon be ready to announce the time.

Now I want to say to churches of the district—let us have a good representation, that we may hold a convention of which Kanemorado District may be proud. We have held some good conventions in the district, but let us make this the best.

Our program committee will assign topics. Come prepared to respond.

The convention will begin on Wednesday evening and continue over Sunday.

We shall have Brother McFaden with us and expect to make an effort to have brother C. F. Yoder, of Warsaw, with us. Now Charlie, the program committee, will write you. Just pack your grip and come and help us.

Each department on church work will have its place on the program.

Now brethren and sisters of the district come to the convention. Our people are *large hearted* and you shall be royally entertained.

McLouth, remember Falls City's representation of last year at your convention and *reciprocate*.

J. R. KELLER,
President.

HUDSON, IOWA.

Perhaps a few lines from us will not be out of place just now as I wish to say a few things concerning the marriage of Elder L. Gillin to Miss Ella Shaffner, both of this place, and both have grown to mature years among us.

As both of them had been raised by highly respectable parents and had embraced Christianity in their youth and for some years had lived for God and each other, no little interest was manifested as to their welfare. As to the bridegroom, who is now pastor of the Waterloo and Enon Brethren churches, he is too well and favorably known among his brethren to need any introduction or commendation from any one, but let me say that ever since his conversion and union with the church it has been the unanimous belief of his acquaintances that the Lord had a work for him to do and since he has fitted himself up (so far as human effort can)

for the work of the ministry, his work *here* as elsewhere has been very greatly blest.

As to the bride, she is a consistent member of the First Baptist church in Hudson. A church that I organized and of which I have been pastor, and as I have been acquainted with her from her early girlhood it was not perhaps strange that I should be requested by them to solemnize their marriage which I did with much pleasure on the evening of the 18th of May, at the home of the bride's parents, and in the presence of about one hundred guests.

To say that the very many beautiful presents they received only showed in a small degree the high esteem in which they were held is putting it very mildly, and the sumptuous feast prepared for the guests and the very high order of the social Christian gathering, were both much more easily enjoyed than described.

And though weeks have passed and a new home has been established and the old homes are a little more lonesome and the Baptists have lost a fine singer and organist, yet many are the kind wishes and prayers that go with the happy couple that God may use them in His vineyard and to the conversion of many perishing souls.

WM. P. THOMPSON.

LANARK, ILL.

In the midst of a bountiful harvest of the good things of earth which God has once more given us for our temporal needs, in the midst of the hurry and bustle to gather the fruit into barns and storehouses; when the ungodly men and women will say, I have no time to spare for my soul now, we place on record here and God records in heaven another child born of the water and of the Spirit, who promises to take His word for her guide and counsel.

These bright spots in the Christian life encourage us to stand on the old ship Zion and call to those on shore to come on board and go with us to that goodly land.

Don't get too busy, Christian workers, that you forget to call. Cry aloud and spare not. Some one may hear and come.

B. F. PUTERBAUGH.

NICKERSON, KANSAS.

Our first Quarterly meeting and love feast was held in our new church in Nickerson, Kansas, July 24. We had a pleasant and hope profitable meeting. Eighteen communed, three of them for the first time. All present seemed to realize that God was with us and that it is not a vain thing to serve the Lord. Mrs. A. Jane Matthews was received into the church by letter from Milford, Ind. This makes eleven additions to our little class. Since

we dedicated our church on last Easter Sunday one more has come out on the Lord's side and others are deeply considering a change from a partial to a full Gospel practice.

We know God is with us and believe we are doing a good work. We are still in debt on the church to the amount of \$191.00 unprovided for. We had hoped that our circular appeal to churches and Sunday-schools through our ministers would bring us at least one hundred dollars more than we have yet received. A number wrote us they would send us a collection, but have not. Now why did you promise to do and not do it? Better not to vow than to vow and not pay.

As pastor of the church I renew my request for help toward the liquidation of this debt. We have done what we could and more than business prudence would permit in our personal efforts and I am now supplying this church free of charge until Jan. 1, 1898, with the following services to look after: Preaching each Sunday at 11 A. M., Sunday-school at 3 P. M., preaching at 8 P. M., prayer meeting Tuesday at 8 P. M., Bible reading on healing Wednesday 8 P. M., Kings Children Friday at 8 P. M.

Our meetings are fairly well attended and a good interest manifested. July 25, at 11 A. M., the church was crowded to hear the blind boy, brother Samuel Durkee, only sixteen years old, preach his first sermon, which he did with credit to himself and we believe good to the cause, from Rev. 22:12. I do hope he is called of God to preach.

JACOB W. BEER.

ILLIOKOTA CONFERENCE NOTES.

The matter of rates seems to be settled now. It stands about this way:

1. All who are going to Johnstown after the Chicago Conference, can buy G. A. R. excursion tickets to Buffalo, N. Y., and return, and get a stop over privilege at Chicago. Then from Buffalo can get the conference rate to Johnstown, I suppose.
2. All going from west of Chicago direct to Johnstown can get Winona tickets to Warsaw, Ind., by seeing their agent early enough, and from there can get a special car to Pittsburg for \$9.75, or \$1.50 less than half fare, provided there are fifty, at Warsaw.
3. All going only to Illiokota Conference at Chicago can, if there are ten at Dubuque, get rates from Dubuque via the C. B. & W. R. R., to Chicago. But in order to do this you must send your names to brother J. O. Talley, Milledgeville, Ill., at once, so he can assure the R. R. company that there will be ten.